

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**CITY OF CHARLESTON**

**PROCLAMATION**

**By the Mayor**

**WHEREAS:** General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses, industry, and farms; and

**WHEREAS:** The state of West Virginia has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions, aviation organizations, community airports, and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS:** West Virginia State has 32 public use airports serving 2,200 pilots and 1,370 general aviation aircraft; and

**WHEREAS:** General aviation in West Virginia contributes \$616 million or \$333 per capita to the state's economy, and it also plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS:** The nation's aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit and direct Congressional oversight is necessary to ensure stable funding of this system; and

**WHEREAS:** West Virginia airports provide access to businesses and tourists to isolated areas, enabling businesses to remain part of the National Air Transportation system and connected to the world's global marketplace and;

**WHEREAS:** Many communities in West Virginia depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists, and visitors to our State and City.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Danny Jones, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as**

**GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

in Charleston, West Virginia

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.

  
**DANNY JONES, MAYOR**